

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMO FOR

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Frank Gaffney ←

Attached indicates that  
an unnamed U.S. official in  
London has said we will  
resume CTB talks in  
the framework of the NST  
negotiations.

Someone should be fired!

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# TEST BAN TALKS

**LONDON (AP)** -- SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER EDUARD A. SHEVARDNADZE SAID TODAY THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION HAVE AGREED TO RESUME TALKS ON A NUCLEAR TEST BAN THAT WERE BROKEN OFF SIX YEARS AGO.

HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE MOSCOW HAD "FUNDAMENTALLY AN AGREEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS, TO RESUME TALKS IN GENEVA ON BANNING NUCLEAR TESTS."

**A U.S. OFFICIAL IN LONDON CONFIRMED** "WE HAVE AGREED TO RESUME TALKS WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS ON A NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY."

THE OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID THE TALKS WOULD BE HELD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF REGULAR U.S.-SOVIET ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED TO RESUME SEPT. 18 IN GENEVA.

THE SOVIET UNION UNILATERALLY HALTED NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS LAST AUGUST, BUT ITS MORATORIUM -- WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED SEVERAL TIMES -- IS DUE TO EXPIRE AUG. 6. THE UNITED STATES HAS CONDUCTED SEVERAL NUCLEAR TESTS DURING THE PERIOD.

THE UNITED STATES HAS REFUSED TO AGREE TO A TEST BAN ON GROUNDS THAT ADHERENCE TO A BAN COULD NOT BE VERIFIED. THE PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN IN 1980 OVER THAT ISSUE.

THE U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THE RENEWED TALKS WOULD "FOCUS ON THE VERIFICATION PROBLEM."

THE TEST BAN TALKS WOULD PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS ON LONG-RANGE MISSILES, MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES AND WEAPONS IN SPACE.

SHEVARDNADZE, WHO IS WINDING UP AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRITAIN, ALSO REITERATED THE KREMLIN POSITION THAT IT IS READY FOR A SECOND SUMMIT WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT ONLY IF SUCH A MEETING PRODUCES CONCRETE RESULTS IN ARMS CONTROL.

HE REFUSED TO PREDICT WHEN A SUMMIT MIGHT BE HELD.

ASKED WHEN HE MIGHT MEET WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ TO MAKE SUMMIT PREPARATIONS, SHEVARDNADZE REPLIED, "SOON," BUT DECLINED TO ELABORATE.

PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV AGREED AT THEIR SUMMIT LAST NOVEMBER IN GENEVA TO MEET AGAIN THIS YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, NO DATE HAS BEEN SET.

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